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### **NEWS RELEASE – TRICHOMONIASIS RULES**

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South Dakota cattle producers are to be reminded that effective January 1, 2007, the South Dakota Animal Industry Board reinstates the regulations which prohibit the marketing of non-pregnant and non-virgin cows in the state for breeding purposes.

This portion of the rule preventing the spread of trichomoniasis had been waived in July, 2006, allowing producers who were forced to sell breeding animals due to the extreme drought to take advantage of a broader market.

Trichomoniasis, a venereal disease of breeding cattle causing infertility, spread rapidly in western South Dakota in 2004 and 2005 and has been decreasing dramatically since the rules were enacted in April of 2005.